REY!

WHAM!

DO YOU...

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT KIND OF FUTURE YER SON HAS, REY?

OF COURSE I DO!

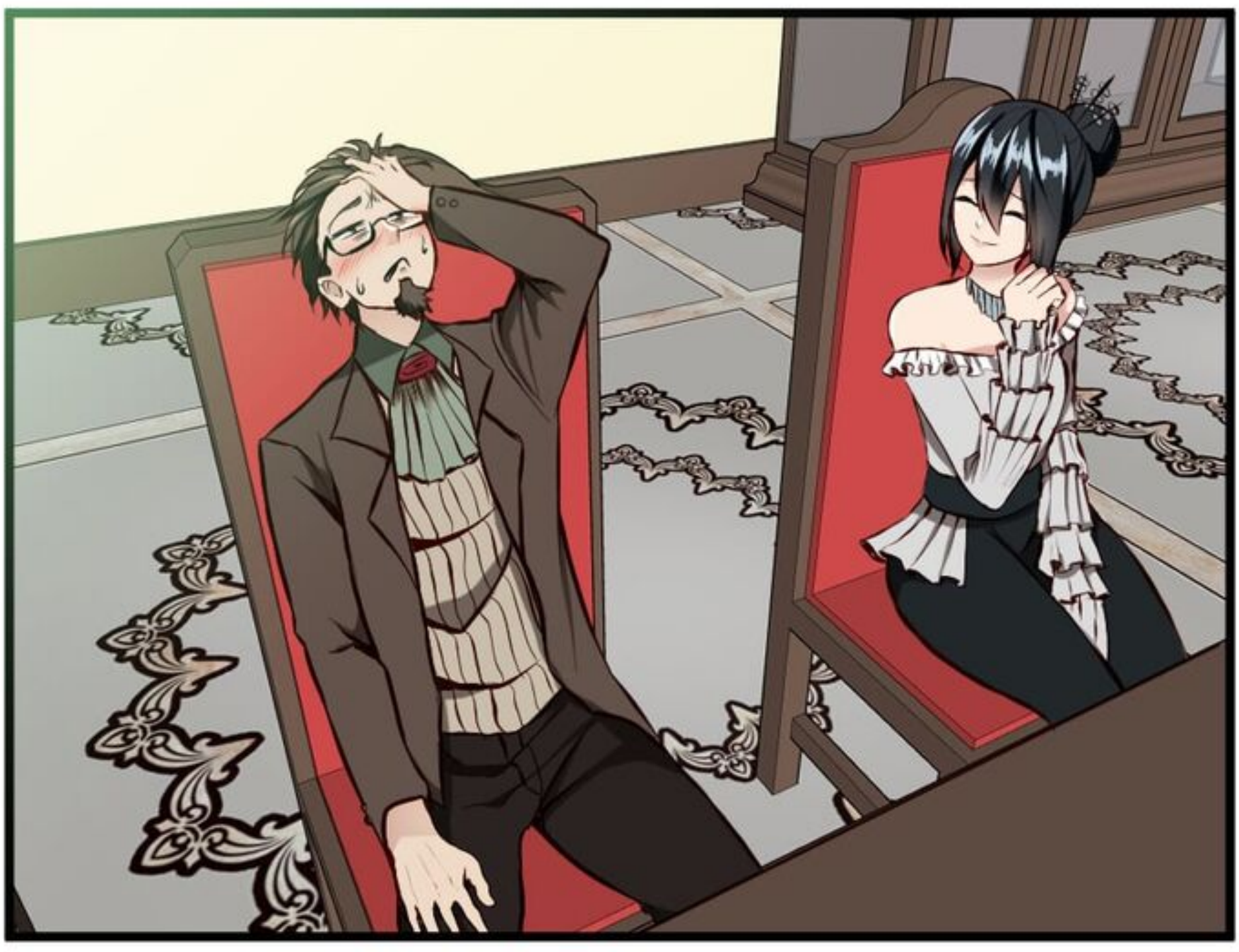
I KNEW EVER SINCE HE AWAKENED WHEN HE WAS THREE!

WHAT?! AWAKENED AT THREE?!

HE BLEW UP MOST OF OUR HOUSE IN THE PROCESS...

HAHA! GOOD TIMES!!!

PAPA?
ARE YOU
OH-KAY?



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REY!
WHAT IF WE
ENROLL ARTHUR
IN XYRUS
ACADEMY?!

BAM!

XYRUS ACADEMY?

AAAA

MMM

SERIOUSLY?
BUT HE'S ONLY EIGHT AND XYRUS ACADEMY IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS MAGIC INSTITUTION IN THE CONTINENT!

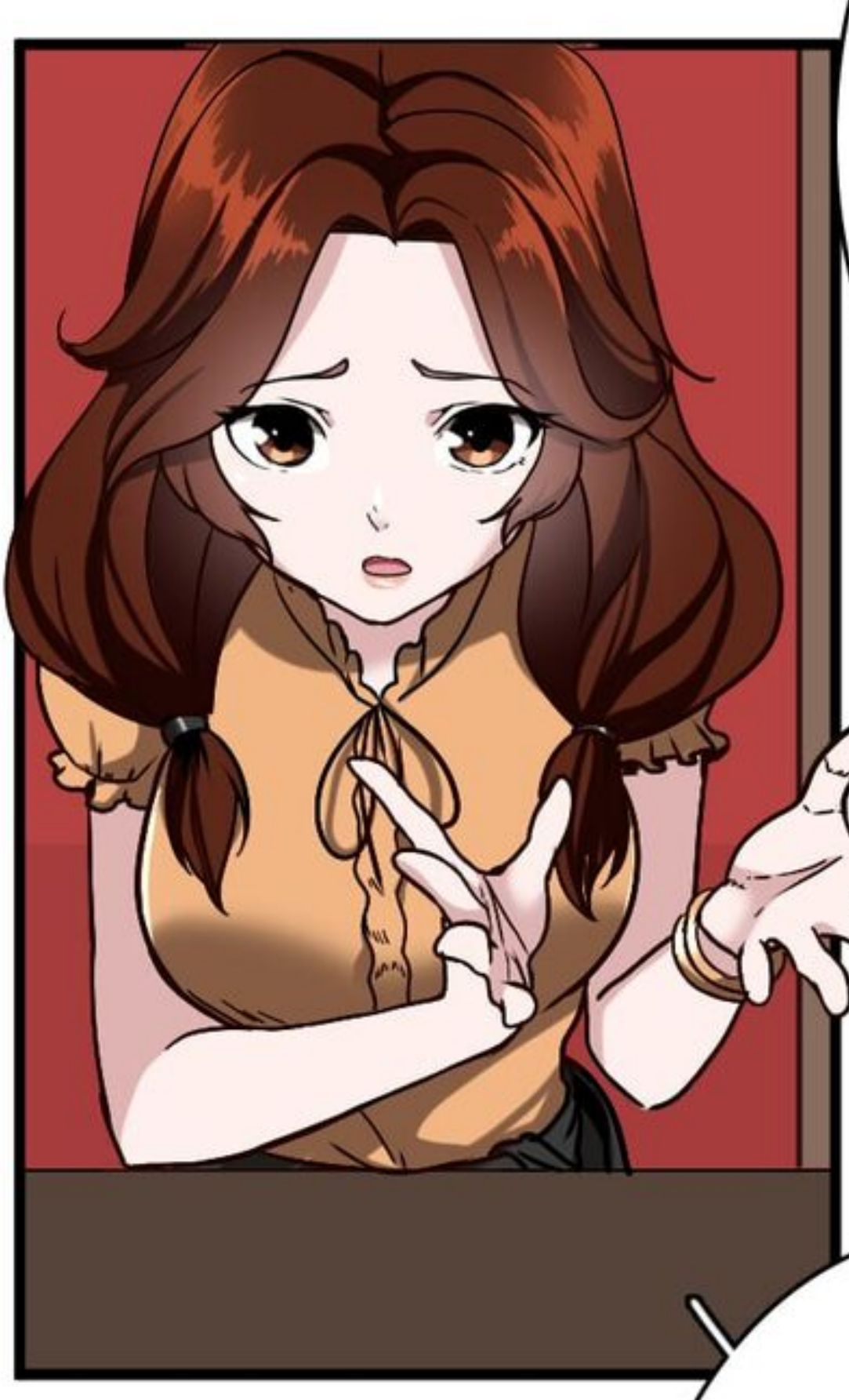
HA
HA
HA

MY DRUNK HUSBAND DOES MAKE A POINT THOUGH, REY, ALICE.

WITH HIS LEVEL OF TALENT, IT WOULD EVEN BE WORTHWHILE FOR US TO SPONSOR ARTHUR SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TUITION COSTS!

WE COULDN'T DO THAT TO YOU...

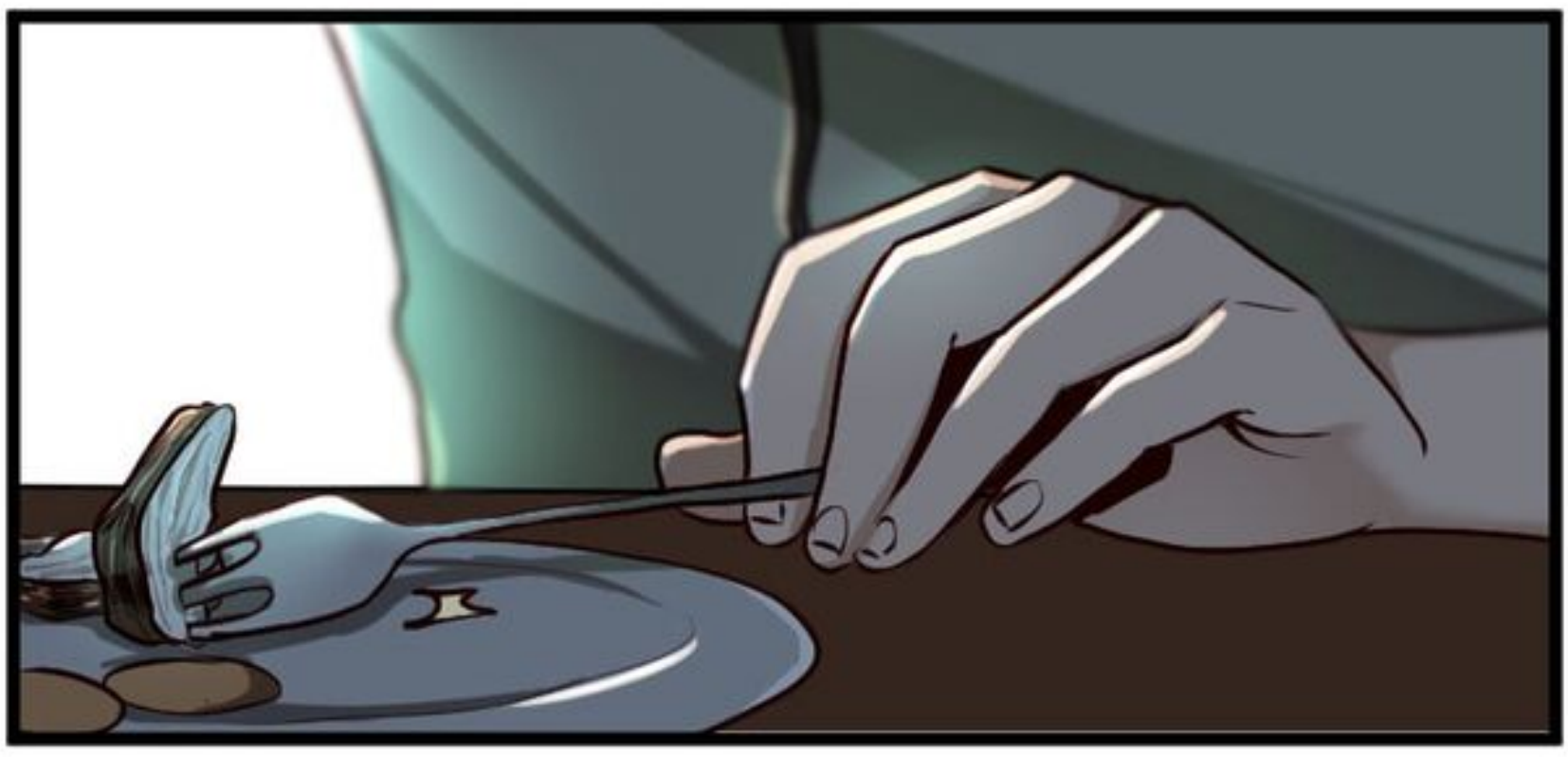
AFTER EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR US ALREADY, TO HAVE PAY FOR OUR SON'S SCHOOLING IS JUST...



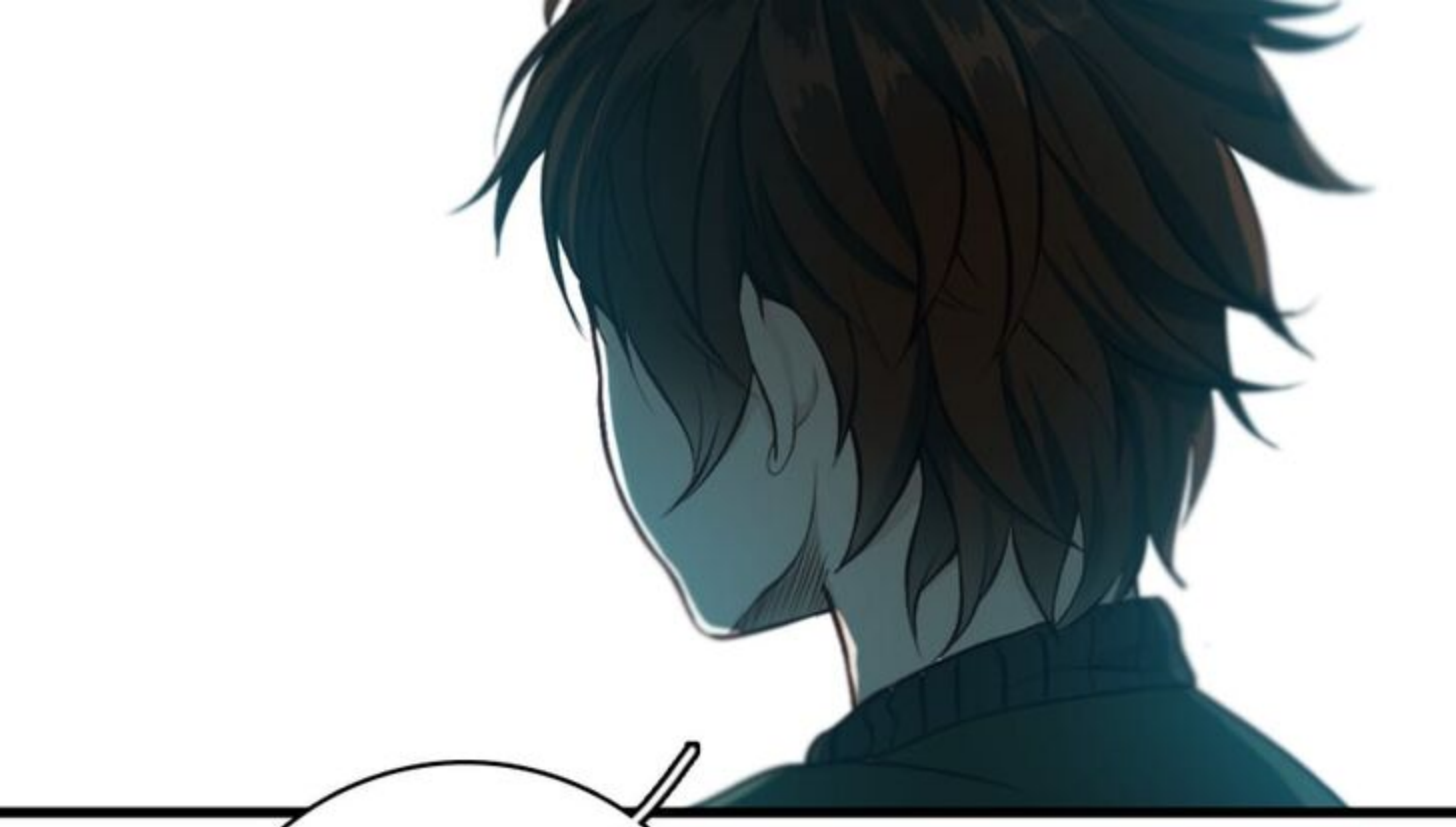
AND BESIDES, HE'S ONLY EIGHT, I'M SURE THEY WON'T EVEN CONSIDER HIM...

FUFUFU...

I HAPPEN TO DO A LOT OF BUSINESS WITH THE FAMED DIRECTOR OF XYRUS ACADEMY HERSELF! I CAN TALK TO HER AND---



EXCUSE ME.



SEEING AS
THIS WILL AFFECT
MY FUTURE... MAY I SAY
SOMETHING?

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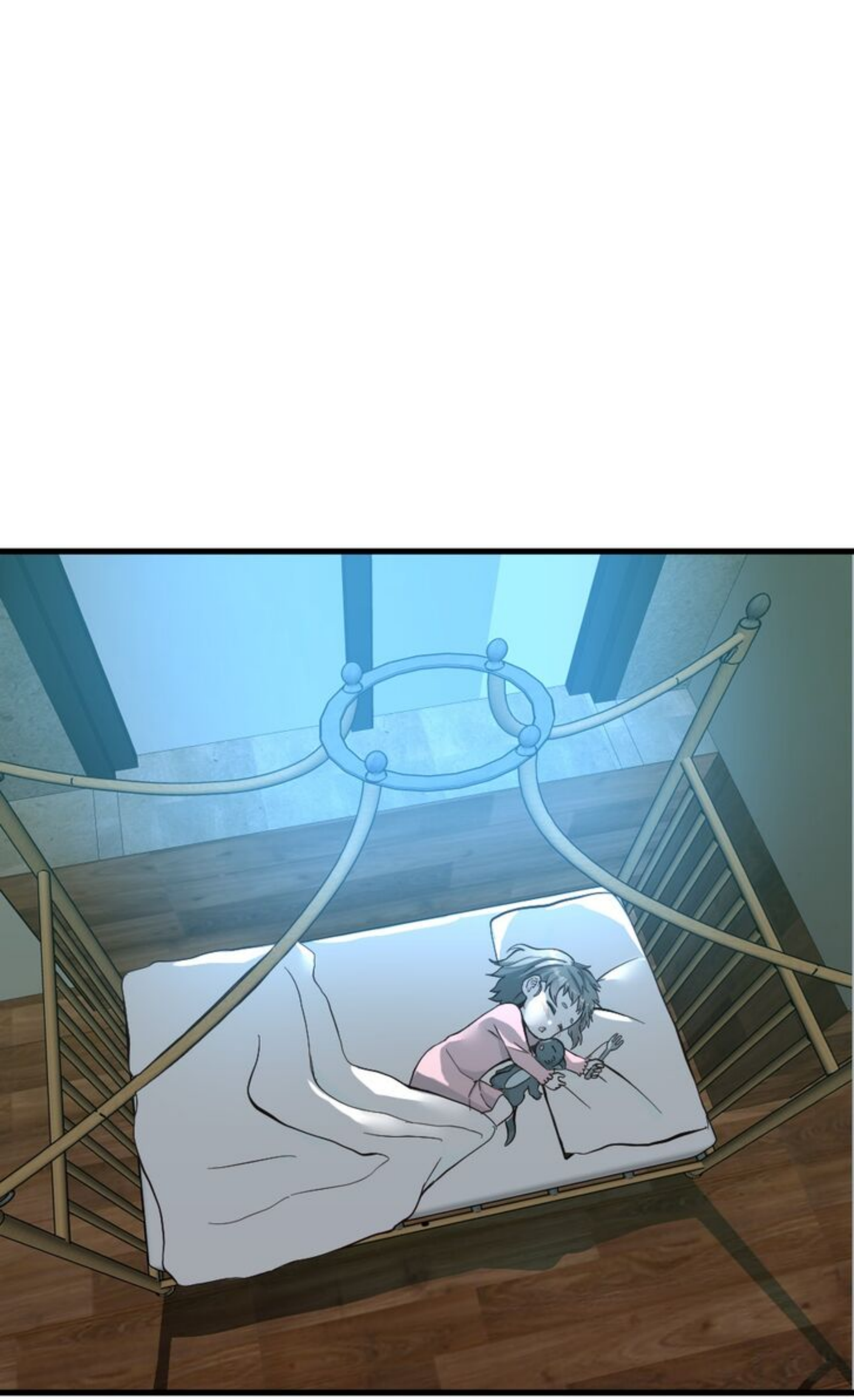
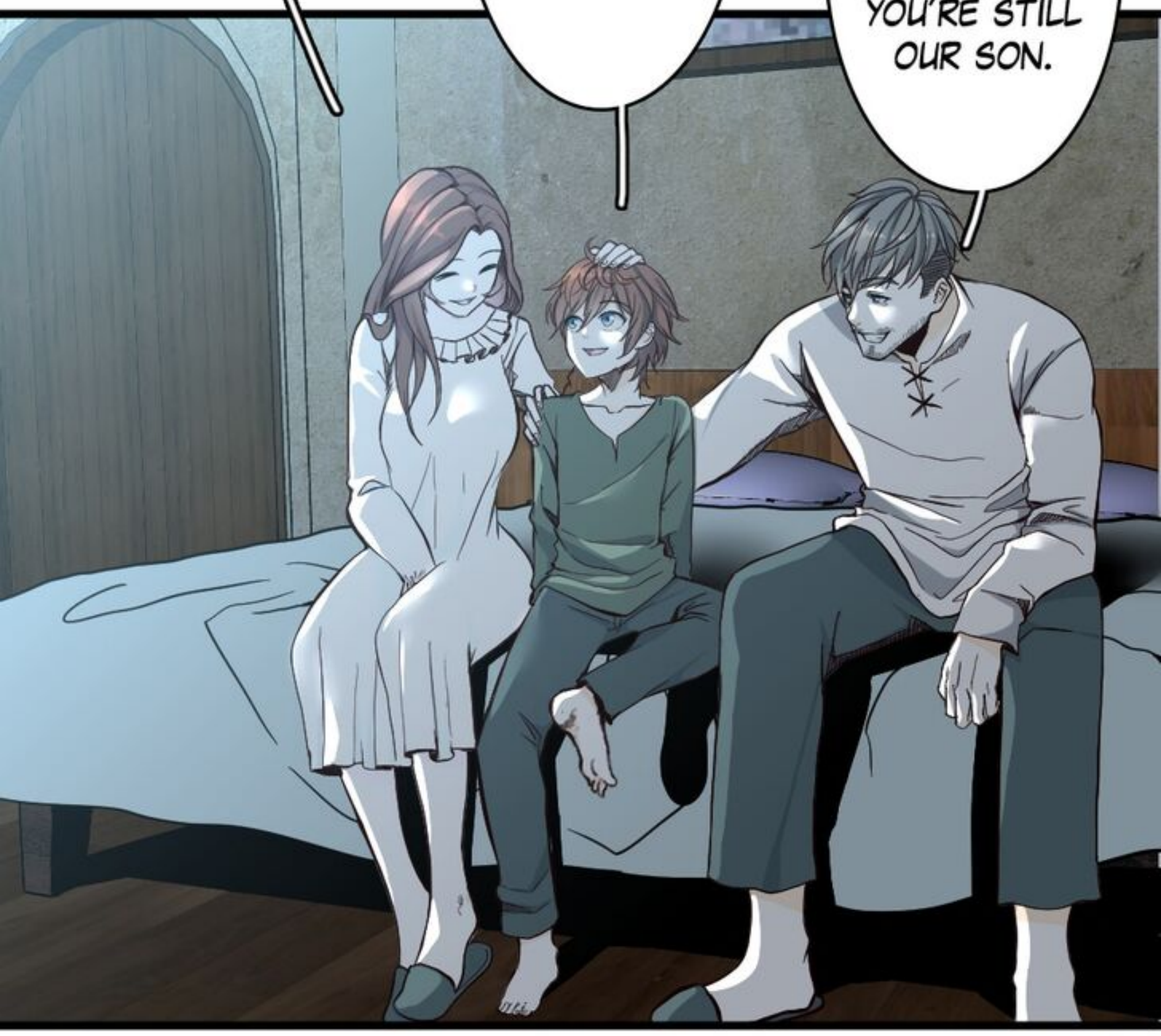


I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE HERE WITH US! ALL GROWN UP INTO A HANDSOME BOY.

I'VE CHANGED A LOT SINCE YOU LAST SAW ME, RIGHT?

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU'VE CHANGED, YOU'RE STILL OUR SON.



EVEN AFTER

FINDING OUT YOU WERE A DEVIANT MAGE CAPABLE OF PERHAPS BECOMING ONE OF THE STRONGEST MAGES IN THE FUTURE, THAT WAS STILL ONLY THE SECOND BEST NEWS TODAY.

YOUR FATHER IS RIGHT.

BUT NOW YOU'RE PROBABLY TOO GROWN-UP FOR YOUR OLD MOTHER TO GIVE YOU A GOODNIGHT KISS, HUH...

KISS~

GOOD NIGHT, MOM, DAD. I MISSED YOU BOTH.

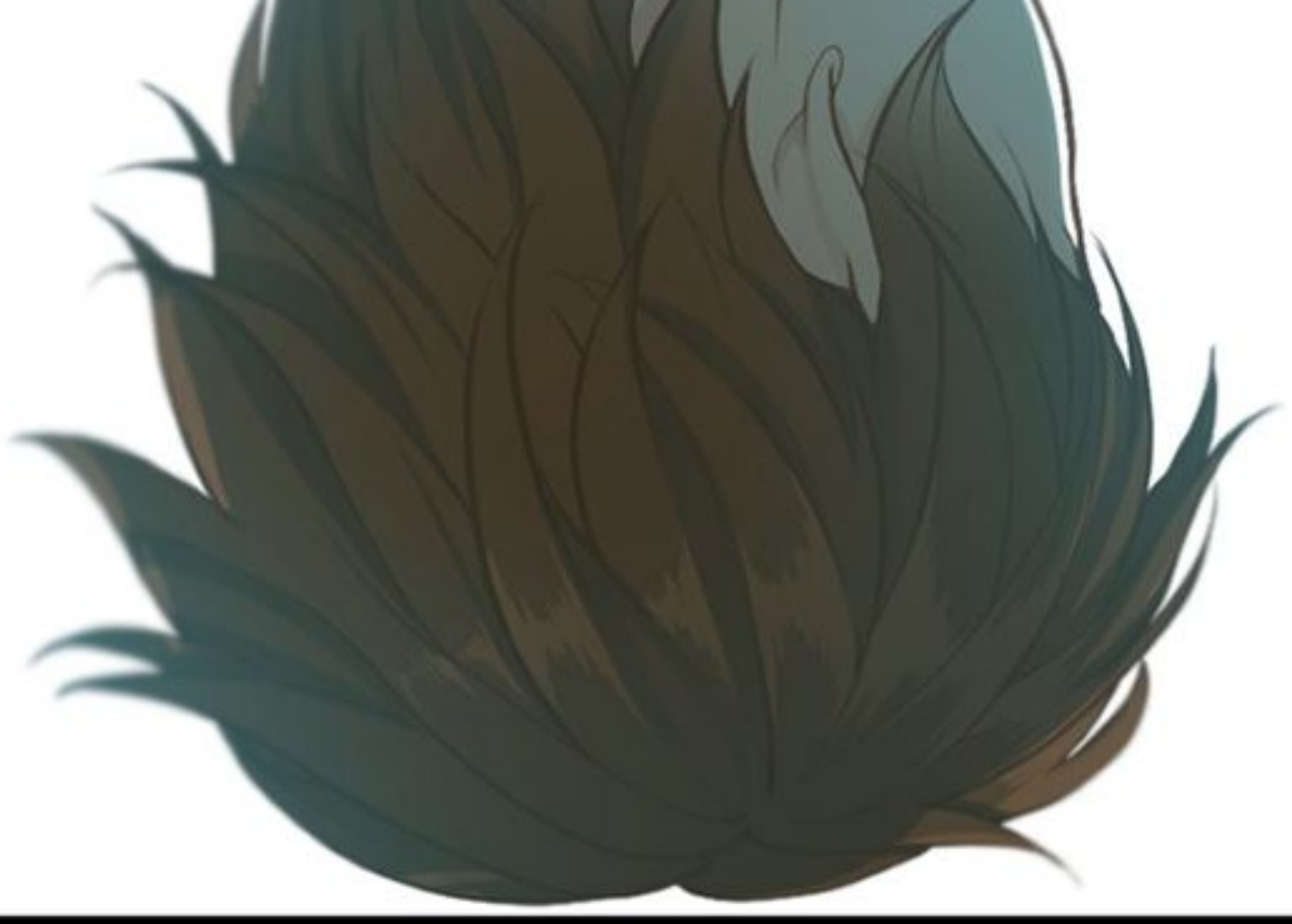
COME ON, LET'S LET ARTHUR GET SOME SLEEP.

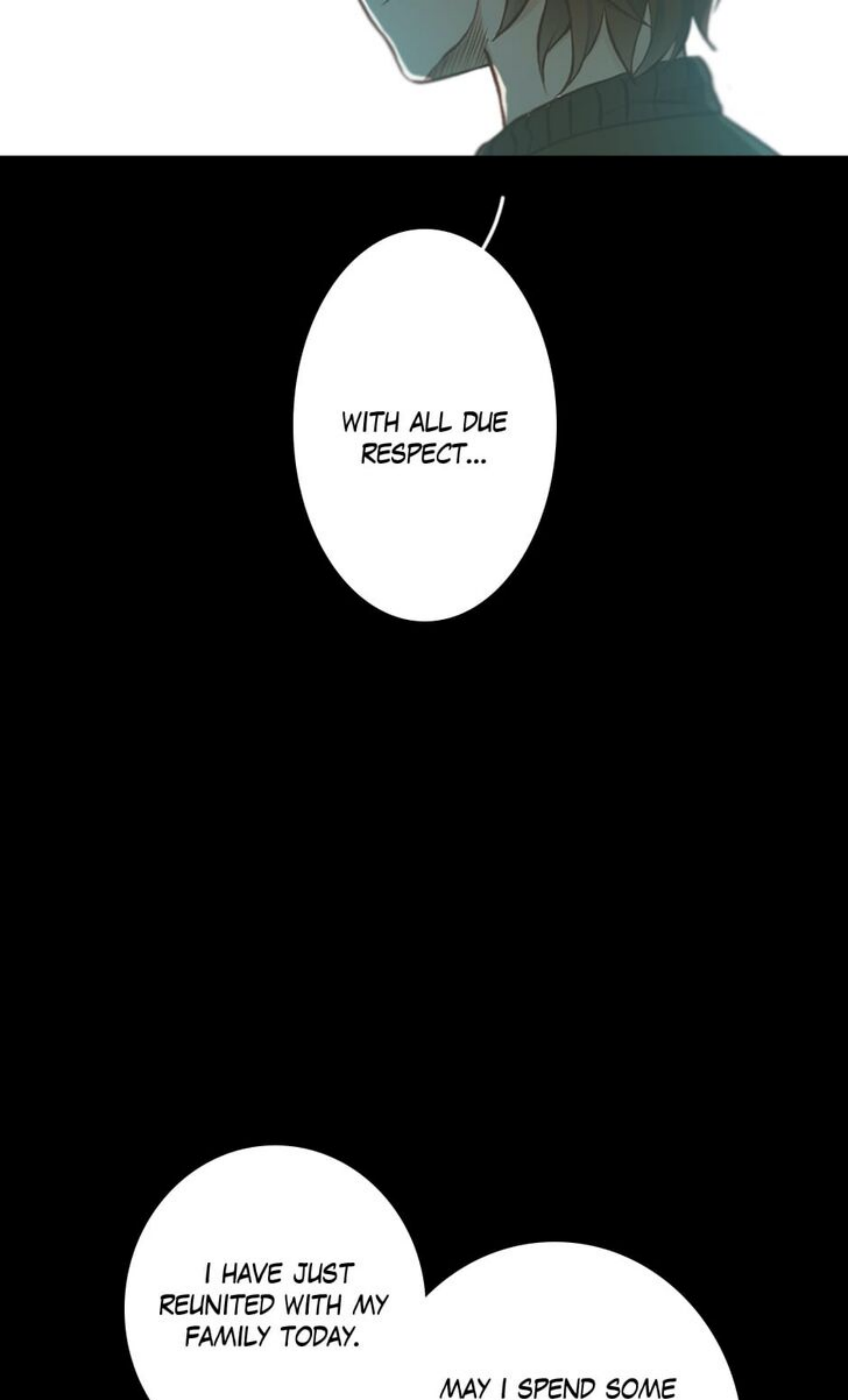
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT! LET'S GO SHOPPING WITH YOUR SISTER TOMORROW! YOU NEED SOME NEW CLOTHES AND IT'LL BE A GOOD CHANCE FOR YOU TWO TO BOND.

SOUNDS GOOD!

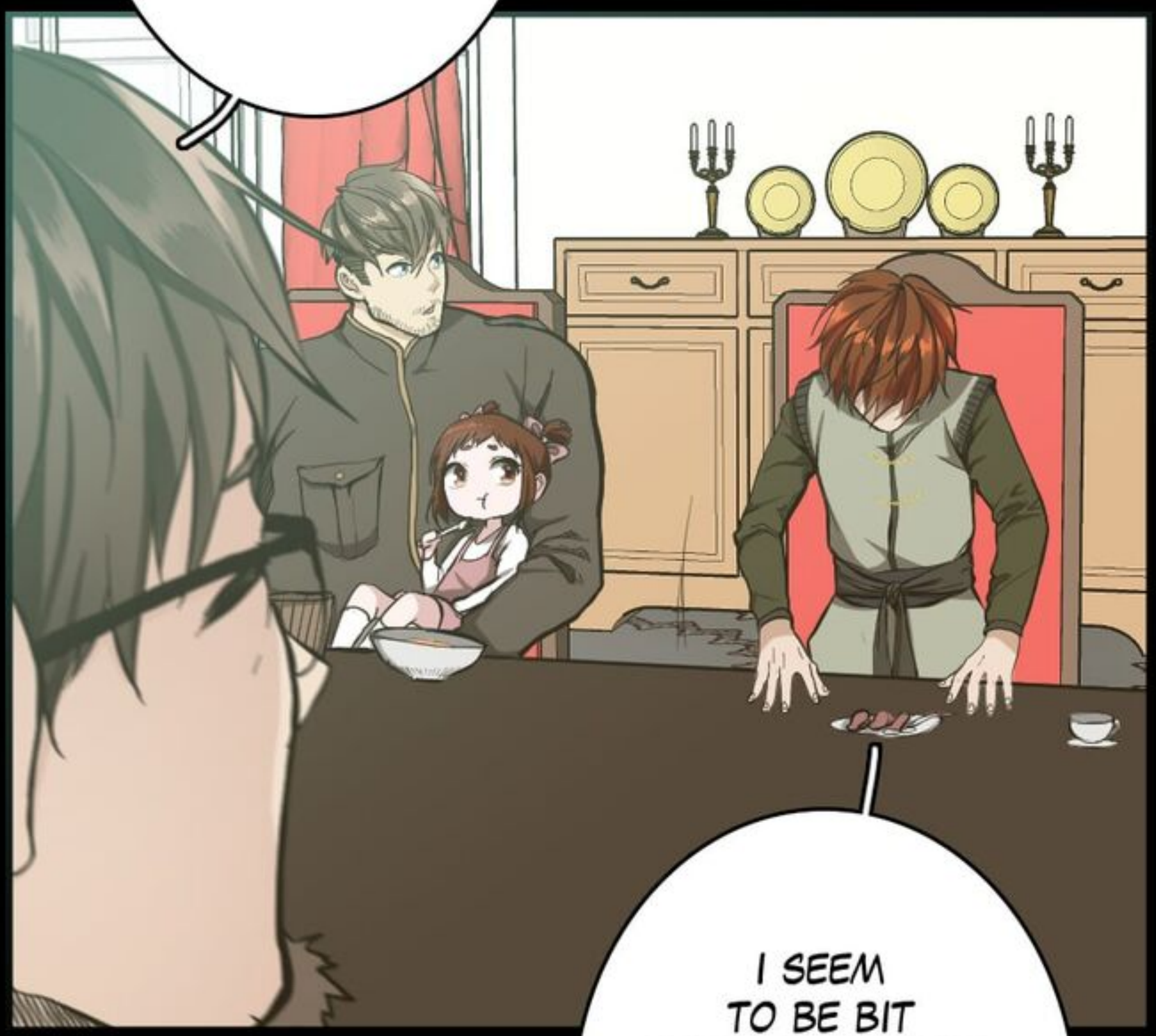
AND, ARTHUR...

DON'T HOLD IT AGAINST VINCENT FOR BEING SO EXCITED EARLIER. HE MEANS WELL.



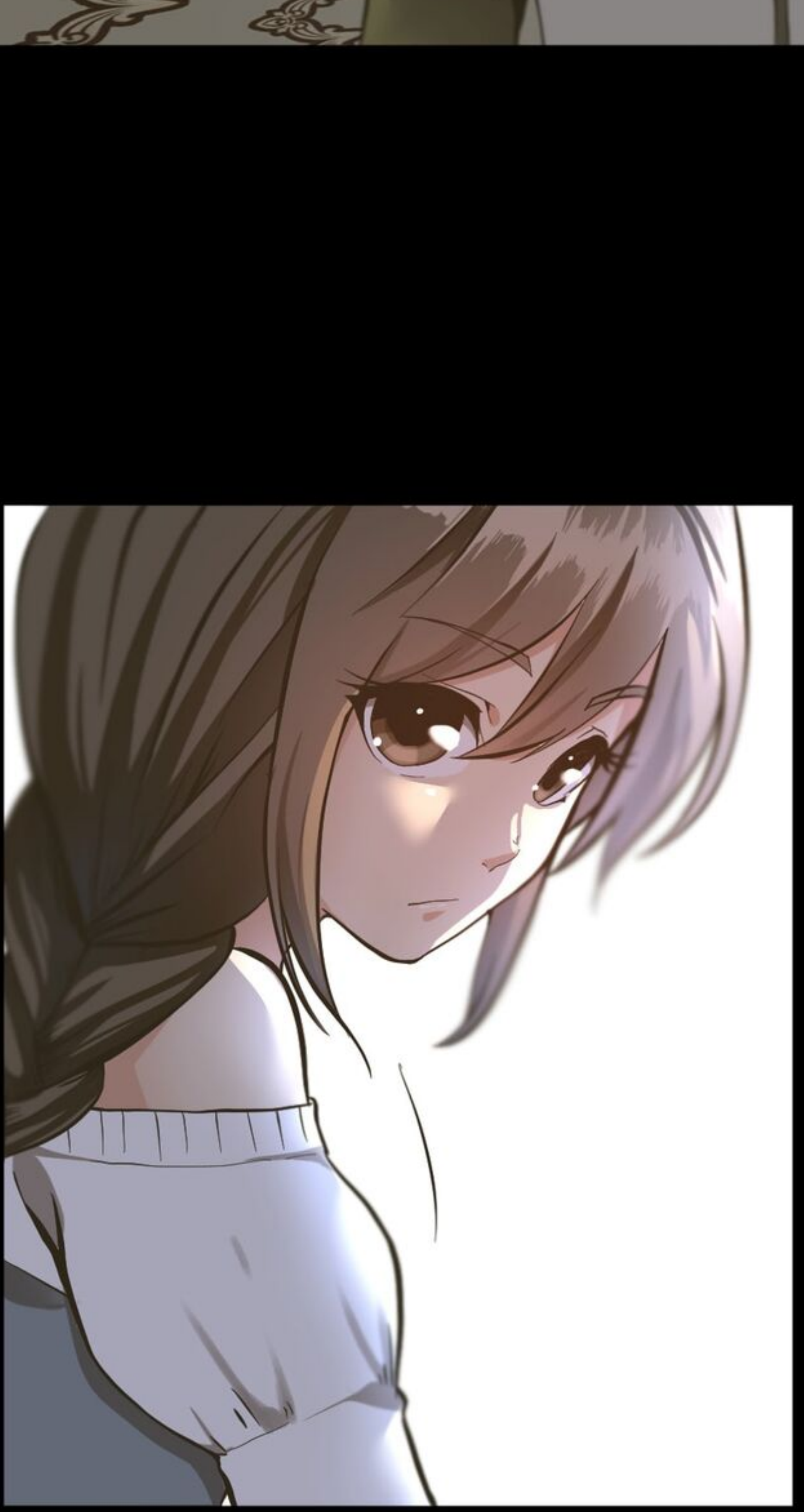

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...
I HAVE JUST REUNITED WITH MY FAMILY TODAY.
MAY I SPEND SOME TIME WITH THEM BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO LEAVE THEM AGAIN TO ATTEND THIS ACADEMY OR NOT?

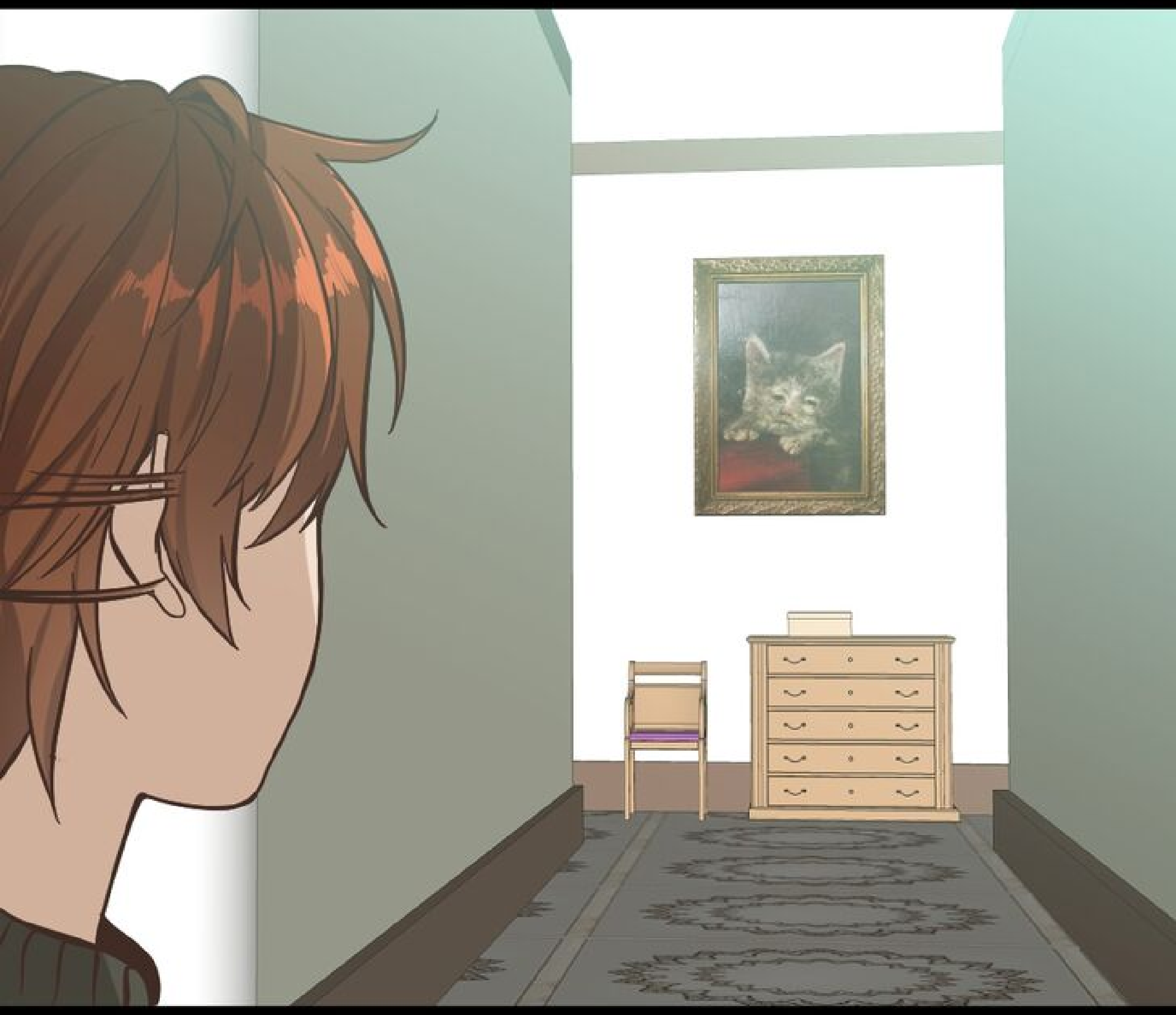
O-OF COURSE, YOU'RE RIGHT... I'M GETTING A BIT AHEAD OF MYSELF.

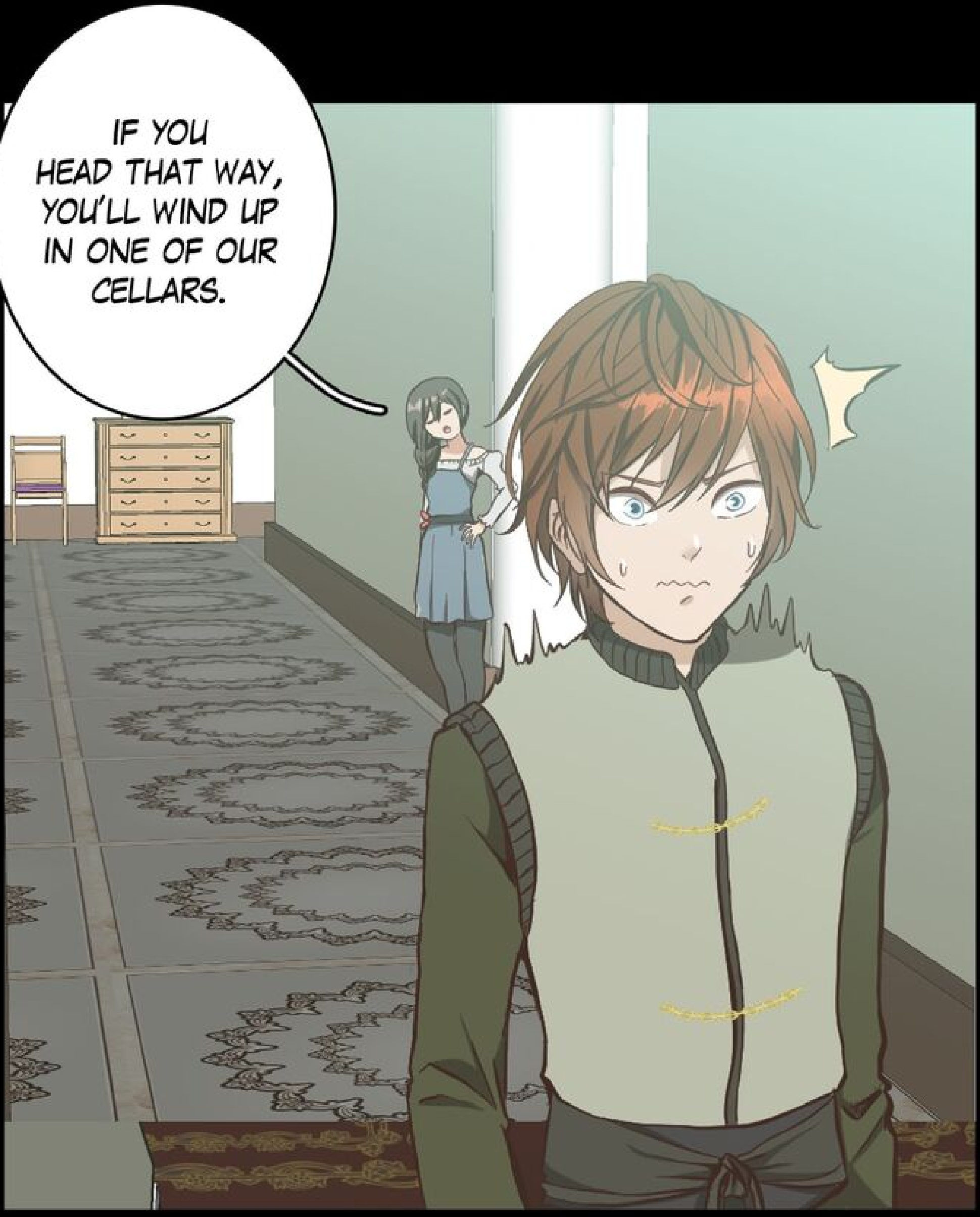


I SEEM TO BE BIT MORE TIRED FROM

THE SPAR THAN I THOUGHT. PLEASE EXCUSE ME.






IF YOU HEAD THAT WAY, YOU'LL WIND UP IN ONE OF OUR CELLARS.

COME ON, I KNOW A BETTER PLACE.

HEY, EVERYONE!

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND A GUEST TODAY!

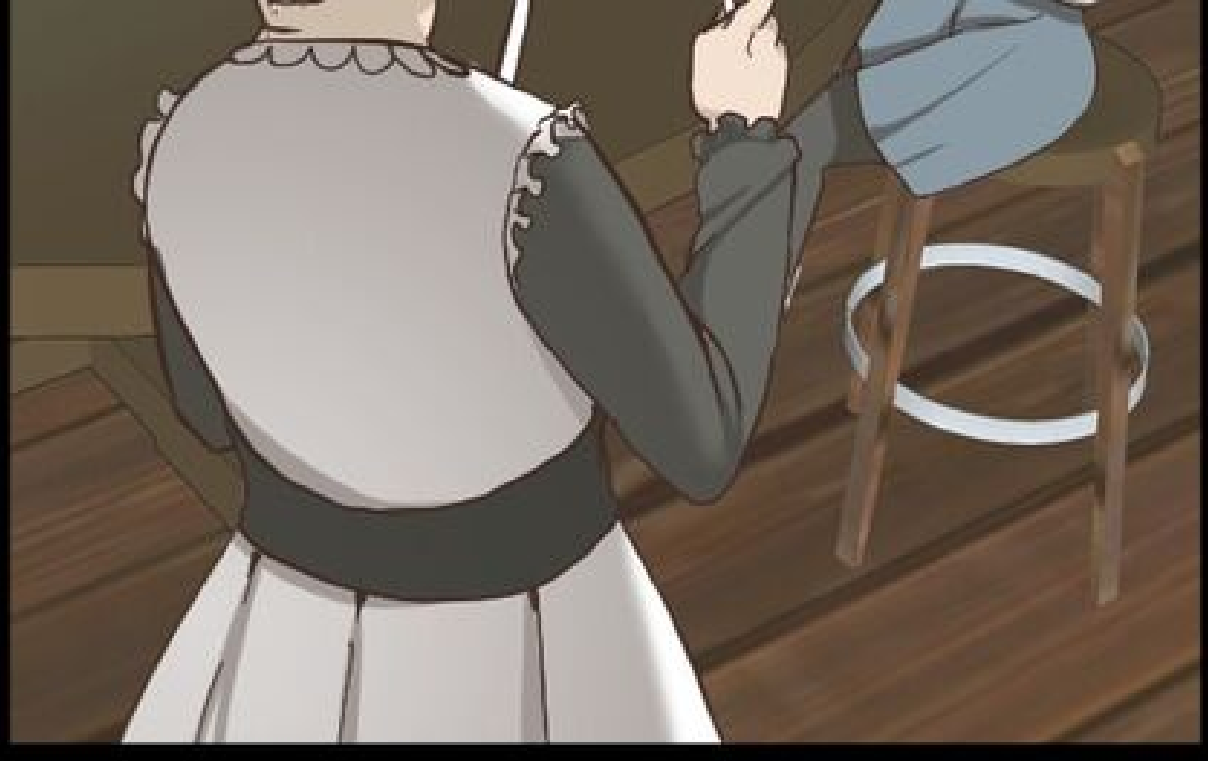
IF IT ISN'T THE LAD THAT BURNED HALF OF

THE LAWN I WORKED SO HARD TO MAINTAIN...?

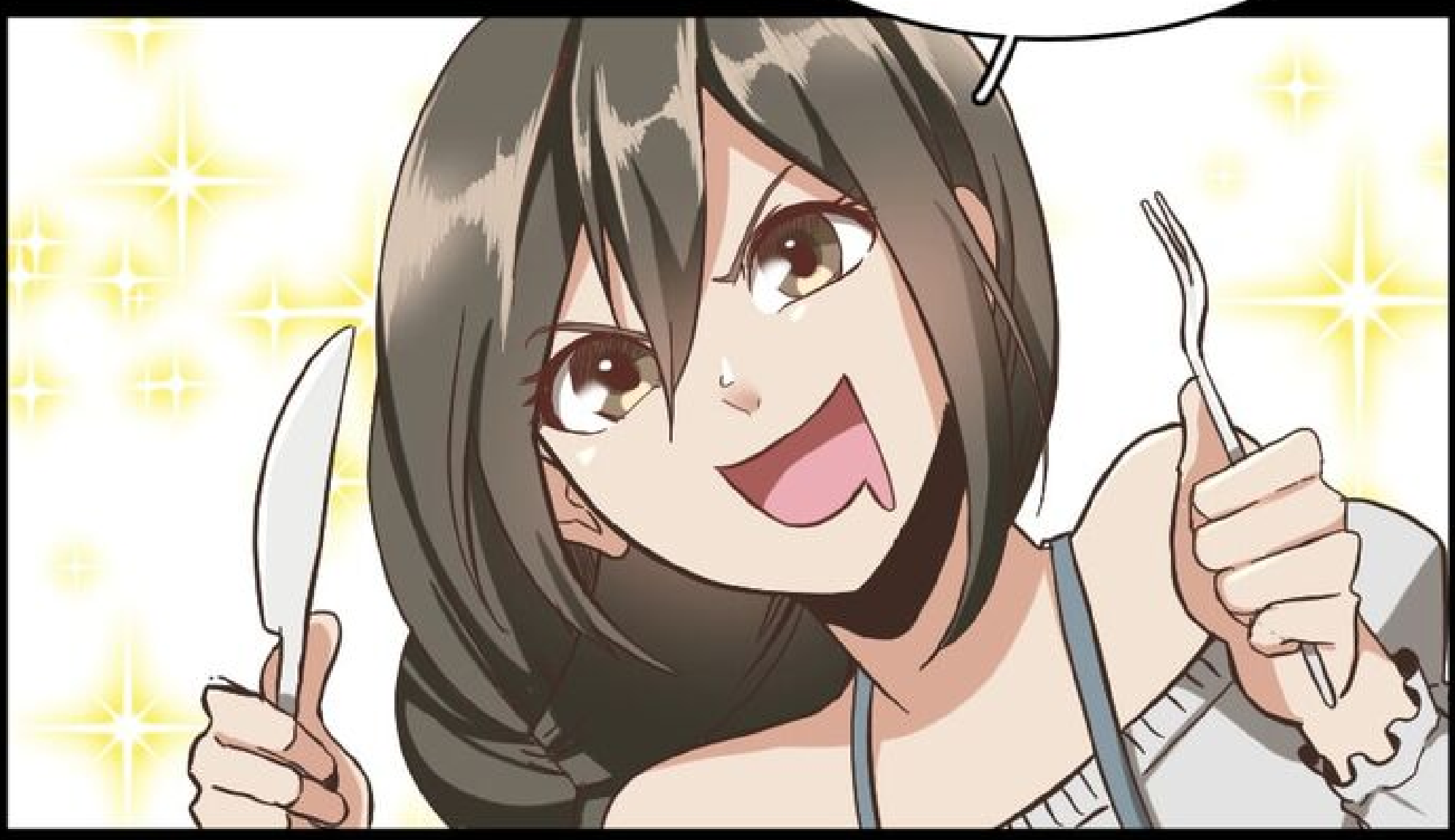
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED...

DON'T MIND THIS ONE, YOUNG 'UN. SHE'S JUST TEASING YOU.

SHE WAS PRETTY QUIET BEFORE, BUT I GUESS THIS IS WHAT SHE'S USUALLY LIKE.



DO WE HAVE
ANY DUCK MEAT LEFT?!
THE FATTY PARTS?



BE CAREFUL, LILIA. MADAM HELSTEA HAS BEEN GETTING SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN GAINING WEIGHT RECENTLY!

EEEK!

MARIA, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT THAT?!

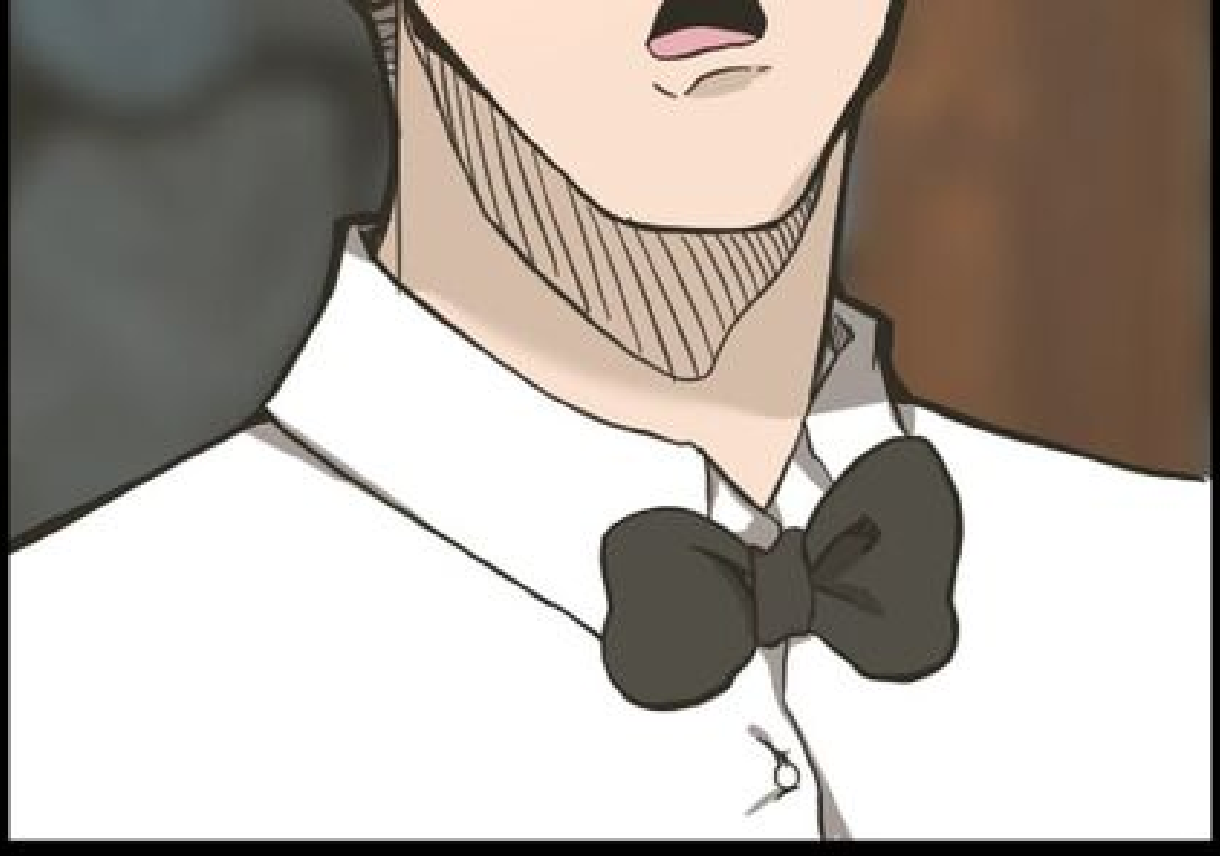
I'M A HEALTHY GROWING GIRL!

LADY LILIA SNEAKS HERE OFTEN WHEN SHE'S FEELING STRESSED.

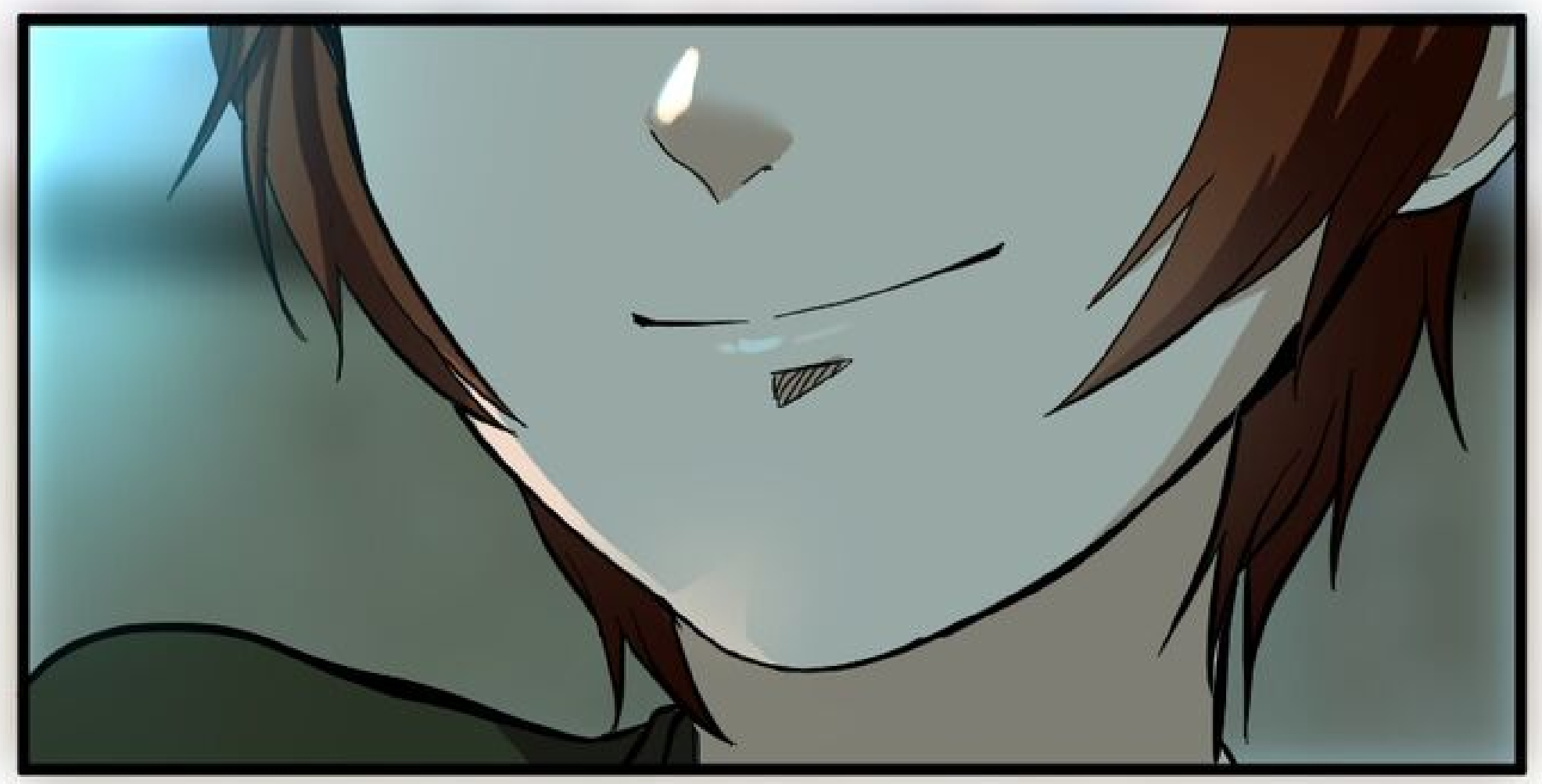
STRESSED?
STRESSED
ABOUT WHAT?

I DEMAND YOU SHIVE ME PORK BELLY NEXT TIME!

SIR AND MADAM'S GREATEST WISH IS FOR THEIR DAUGHTER TO AWAKEN AS A MAGE DESPITE EITHER OF THEM BEING ONE THEMSELVES.



LILIA WANTS TO BE A MAGE AS WELL, OF COURSE, BUT IT STILL IS A LOT OF PRESSURE ON A LITTLE GIRL...



DON'T WORRY,
I CAN TELL THAT THE
HELSTEA FAMILY ARE
NICE PEOPLE WHO
MEAN WELL.

GOOD NIGHT, SON.

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS
ON INSTAGRAM!

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